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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL STRIKE

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1. STRIKE BY PORTUGUESE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS SCHEDULED TO BEING AUGUST 30 IS OUTGROWTH OF LONG STANDING LABOR DISPUTE IN WHICH PORTUGUESE CONTROLLERS COMPLAIN AGAINST LOW PAY AND STRESSFUL WORKING CONDITIONS. WORKERS HAVE INTERMITTENTLY INVOKED SLOW-DOWNS DURING RECENT MONTHS IN SUPPORT OF THEIR DEMANDS, DELAYING LANDINGS AND TAKEOFFS OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC AIRLINES FOR PERIODS OF ONE HOUR OR MORE AND RESTRICTING AIR TRAFFIC THROUGH PORTUGUESE AIR SPACE.

2. REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL DEALT WITH PROBLEM DURING MEETING ON NIGHT AUGUST 26/27. LOCAL TWA REPRESENTATIVE IS FOLLOWING SITUATION CLOSELY AND BELIEVES IT LIKELY THAT SETTLEMENT WILL BE REACHED, POSSIBLY BY NOON AUGUST 27. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FULLY AS DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE.

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3. COMMENT: PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO
AVOID SUSPENSION OF NORMAL AIR SERVICES DURING THIS
PERIOD OF POLITICAL CRISIS.
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